



FORM: Ph.D. CANDIDACY EXAMINATION EVALUATION

OVERVIEW:

The Ph.D. Candidacy Examination is an oral examination designed to evaluate the student's ability to carry out original scholarship, and to confirm that the student is a suitable candidate for the degree. Students are required to present the background and rationale for their proposed studies, the specific hypotheses and objectives, the methodology, results obtained to date, and future directions. They are then queried on topics related to the proposed area of research by an examination committee, which consists of the student's advisory committee, an additional faculty member (acts as the *External Examiner*), and the student's mentor (who will act as the *Chair of the Exam*). The student's supervisor may attend as an observer, but cannot participate in the exam.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) After your candidacy examination has taken place and your examination committee has deliberated, your IPN mentor will complete *Sections 1, 2 and 4*.
- 2) All members must sign in the specified fields in *Section 3*.
 - Ensure this is done right after your exam, on site.
- 3) Once all sections of the form are completed, upload the signed and completed form to myProgress
 - **If you are a transfer student who is fast-tracking to the Ph.D, please also submit the form to the IPN administrative office at ipn.admissions@mcgill.ca and ipn@mcgill.ca, so that we can complete your Ph.D. registration.**

DEADLINES:

- ✓ Deadline to submit this form: **1 week post-exam.**
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SECTION 1: BASIC INFORMATION	
Student	Last, First
Thesis Supervisor	Last, First
Co-Supervisor <i>(if applicable)</i>	Last, First
Exam Date	DD – MM - YYYY

SECTION 2: EXAM EVALUATION		
Background knowledge	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Rationale for proposed studies	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Hypotheses clearly stated and scientifically rigorous	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Familiarity with methodology	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Interpretation of results obtained to date	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Future directions	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory

SECTION 3: EXAMINATION COMMITTEE JUDGEMENT		
Committee Member 1	Name	Last, First
	Signature	
Committee Member 2	Name	Last, First
	Signature	
Committee Member 3 <i>(If applicable)</i>	Name	Last, First
	Signature	
External Examiner	Name	Last, First
	Signature	
IPN Mentor	Name	Last, First
	Signature	
2nd IPN Mentor <i>(Only applicable if exam is being repeated)</i>	Name	Last, First
	Signature	

Examination Committee Judgement	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
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Section 4: Comments
Strengths and weaknesses of student's candidacy exam performance